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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)  
Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. § 371**

International Application No. PCT/US98/14775  
International Filing Date: 16 July 1998  
Priority Date Claimed: July 17, 1997

Inventor(s): Allen W. Thorpe, Edward W. Taylor, Jr., and Rubin Feldman  
For: (AS AMENDED) THERMAL PROTECTIVE STRUCTURES AND  
METHODS OF MAKING THEM

Applicants herewith submit to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19<sup>th</sup> month from the earliest priority date.

A copy of the International Application as filed is not required as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)) have not been made and will not be made.

- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors.
- ☒ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report and its Annexes (PCT/IPEA/409).
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and copies of references.
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to: Nu-Chem, Inc.; cover sheet and check for \$40.
- ☒ Small Entity Declaration (Small Business Concern).
- ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary Amendment.

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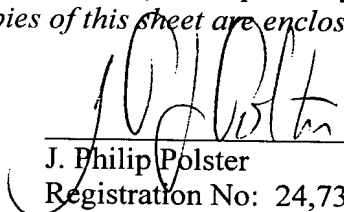
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Total Filing Fee:				\$551.00

☒ Checks in the amount of \$551.00 to cover the filing fee, \$40 to cover the assignment fee, and \$130 to cover the petition fee are enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 16-2201. *Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.*

  
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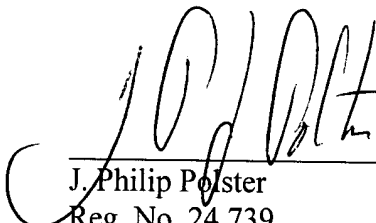
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**EXPRESS MAIL FILING CERTIFICATE**

RE: U.S. Patent Application  
TITLE: (AS AMENDED) THERMAL PROTECTIVE STRUCTURES AND  
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INVENTOR: Allen W. Thorpe, et al.

I hereby certify that this U.S. Patent Application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents , Washington, D.C. 20231 on January 14, 2000.

  
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